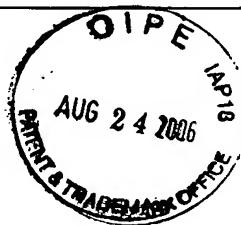


RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL LETTER		Docket No.:	VAL01599P00251US
Serial No.:	10/057,406	Filing Date:	January 23, 2002
Group Art Unit:	3727	Examiner:	James N. Smalley
Applicants:	Gilles Jourdin		
Invention:	DEVICE FOR FASTENING A DISTRIBUTION COMPONENT ON A VESSEL NECK		

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450



Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response in the above-identified application.

- ☒ A Petition for a one - month extension of time and the separate fee therefor is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claim filing fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY	
			RATE	ADDIT. FEE	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL 7	MINUS - 20	= 0	x \$ 25.00 =	\$	x \$ 50.00 =	\$0
INDEPENDENT 5	MINUS - 5	= 0	x \$100.00 =	\$	x \$ 200.00 =	\$0
MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM 0	Minus - 0	0	+ \$180.00 =	\$	+ \$360.00 =	\$0
APPLICATION SIZE FEE (PER 50 SHEETS OVER 100)			+ \$125.00 =	\$	+ \$250.00 =	\$0
Total Fee				\$		\$0

- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-0785 in the amount of \$_____ to cover the claim filing fee.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ _ to cover the claim filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ **Conditional Petition For Extension of Time:** An extension of time, if necessary, is requested to provide for timely filing of this communication.
- ☒ A duplicate copy of this transmittal sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0785.

Date: August 21, 2006

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